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SUBJ: CUBAN-SAO TOMEAN RELATIONS

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1. ACCORDING TO LIBREVILLE JOURNALIST, PORTUGAL STILL ONLY COUNTRY WHICH HAS OR INTENDS TO HAVE RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. CUBAN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN BRAZZAVILLE RECENTLY PRESENTED CREDENTIALS IN SAO TOME ACCOMPANIED BY CUBAN CHARGE RESIDENT IN LIBREVILLE. CUBANS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN SAO TOME SINCE PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE IN JULY 1975 AND EMBASSY HAS REPORT THAT MANY CUBANS ACCOMPANIED ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETTO WHO VISITED SAO TOME APRIL 4 AND 5. EMBASSY ALSO RECENTLY LEARNED THAT SOVIETS INTEND TO ACCREDIT THEIR AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN BRAZZAVILLE TO GSTP, BUT AT PRESENT USSR HAS NO ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE.

2. AT PRESENT, MAJOR AID DONORS ARE PRC WHICH HAVE APPROXIMATELY 20 EXPERTS WORKING IN HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE AND UNDP WHICH HAVE ABOUT 6 EXPERTS WORKING IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND EDUCATION. EMBASSY HAS REPORTS THAT CUBANS WILL

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ALSO OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BUT NO DETAILS.

3. FYI: CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM AFRICAN
LUSOPHONE COUNTRIES HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 28-30
(REFTEL B). STATED GOAL OF CONFERENCE IS TO EXPLORE
POSSIBILITIES FOR CLOSER ECONOMIC AND/OR POLITICAL
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